

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patentee : Minnesota Mining and Art Unit : Unknown
 Manufacturing Company Examiner : Unknown
Patent No. : 5,056,892
Serial No. : 472,621
Filed : January 30, 1990
Title : TOTALLY INTERNALLY REFLECTING THIN, FLEXIBLE FILM

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant submits copies of the following documents listed on the attached Form 1449:

- (a) Agreement dated August 20, 1984 between Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company ("3M") and TIR Systems Limited ("the Agreement");
- (b) Memo dated 10/4/84 from S. Cobb to J.F. Abere;
- (c) Memo dated 10/26/84 from R. Appeldorn to R. Adalbert et al.;
- (d) Memo dated 11/12/84 from John C. Barnes to R.H. Appeldorn.

The subject matter of the Agreement is a thin, flexible, prism light guide material. The three memos relate to the material and to the Agreement.

Applicant further submits copies of the following patents listed on the attached Form 1449:

2,175,067 Rolph
2,218,227 Winnek
2,232,551 Merton
2,248,638 Merton
2,279,555 Browne et al.
2,723,919 Pohnan
3,288,990 Stahlhut
3,689,346 Rowland
3,894,228 Cobb, Jr.
3,908,056 Anderson

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

Express Mail Label No.

EV 342625310 US

Date of Deposit

July 10, 2003

Patentee : Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company
Patent No. : 5,056,892
Serial No. : 472,621
Filed : January 30, 1990
Page : 2 of 3

Attorney's Docket No.: 15518-002001

4,083,626 Miyahara et al.
4,118,763 Osteen
4,120,565 Rabl et al.
4,154,219 Gupta et al.
4,235,515 Sheiman et al.
4,244,683 Rowland
4,260,220 Whitehead
4,389,085 Mori
4,422,719 Orcutt
4,466,697 Daniel
4,497,860 Brady, Jr.
4,576,850 Martens
4,615,579 Whitehead
4,805,984 Cobb
0142250 Europe
27-1880 Japan
28-4669 Japan
58-102904 Japan
53-57068 Japan
1426230 United Kingdom
2127344 United Kingdom

Fumio Ide & Hiroshi Terada, "Kobunshi Shinsozai One Point-2, 'Optical Fiber & Optical Materials'" edited by Japan Polymer Society, published by Kyoritsu Shuppan K.K. on June 15, 1987, pp. 10-14.

"Polycarbonate Resin Handbook" edited by Seiichi Honma, published by Nikkan Kogyo Shinbunsha on August 28, 1992, pp. 121-125.

Translations for the following references will be provided shortly:

48-7051 Japan
58-51144 Japan
49-51857 Japan
55-159304 Japan
56-77805 Japan
60-70603 Japan

Patentee : Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company
Patent No. : 5,056,892
Serial No. : 472,621
Filed : January 30, 1990
Page : 3 of 3

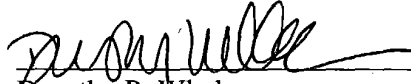
Attorney's Docket No.: 15518-002001

This statement is being filed with the application. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

1/10/03



Dorothy P. Whelan

Reg. No. 33,814

Fish & Richardson P.C., P.A.
60 South Sixth Street
Suite 3300
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Telephone: (612) 335-5070
Facsimile: (612) 288-9696
60136818.doc

Substitute Form PTO-1449 (Modified)	U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Attorney's Docket No. 15518-002001	Application No.
Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (Use several sheets if necessary)		Applicant Cobb	
		Filing Date	Group Art Unit
(37 CFR §1.98(b))			

U.S. Patent Documents							
Examiner Initial	Desig. ID	Document Number	Publication Date	Patentee	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	AA	2,175,067		Rolph			
	AB	2,218,227		Winnek			
	AC	2,232,551		Merton			
	AD	2,248,638		Merton			
	AE	2,279,555		Browne et al.			
	AF	2,723,919		Pohnan			
	AG	3,288,990		Stahlhut			
	AH	3,689,346		Rowland			
	AI	3,894,228		Cobb, Jr.			
	AJ	3,908,056		Anderson			
	AK	4,083,626		Miyahara et al.			
	AL	4,118,763		Osteen			
	AM	4,120,565		Rabl et al.			
	AN	4,154,219		Gupta et al.			
	AO	4,235,515		Sheiman et al.			
	AP	4,244,683		Rowland			
	AQ	4,260,220		Whitehead			
	AR	4,389,085		Mori			
	AS	4,422,719		Orcutt			
	AT	4,466,697		Daniel			
	AU	4,497,860		Brady Jr.			
	AV	4,576,850		Martens			
	AW	4,615,579		Whitehead			
	AX	4,805,984		Cobb, Jr.			

Foreign Patent Documents or Published Foreign Patent Applications								
Examiner Initial	Desig. ID	Document Number	Publication Date	Country or Patent Office	Class	Subclass	Translation	
							Yes	No

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
EXAMINER: Initials citation considered. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	

Substitute Form PTO-1449 (Modified)	U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Attorney's Docket No. 15518-002001	Application No.
Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (Use several sheets if necessary) (37 CFR §1.98(b))		Applicant Cobb	
		Filing Date	Group Art Unit

Foreign Patent Documents or Published Foreign Patent Applications								
Examiner Initial	Desig. ID	Document Number	Publication Date	Country or Patent Office	Class	Subclass	Translation	
							Yes	No
	AY	0 142 250		Europe				
	AZ	27-1880		Japan			X	
	AAA	28-4669		Japan			X	
	ABB	48-7051		Japan				X
	ACC	49-51857		Japan				X
	ADD	53-57068		Japan			X	
	AEE	55-159304		Japan				X
	AFF	56-77805		Japan				X
	AGG	58-51144		Japan				X
	AHH	58-102904		Japan			X	
	AII	60-70603		Japan				X
	AJJ	1,426,230		United Kingdom				
	AKK	2,127,344		United Kingdom				

Other Documents (include Author, Title, Date, and Place of Publication)		
Examiner Initial	Desig. ID	Document
	ALL	Agreement dated August 20, 1984 between Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company ("3M") and TIR Systems Limited ("the Agreement");
	AMM	Memo dated 10/4/84 from S. Cobb to J.F. Abere
	ANN	Memo dated 10/26/84 from R. Appeldorn to R. Adalbert et al.
	AOO	Memo dated 11/12/84 from John C. Barnes to R.H. Appeldorn
	APP	Fumio Ide & Hiroshi Terada, "Kobunshi Shinsozai One Point-2, 'Optical Fiber & Optical Materials'" edited by Japan Polymer Society, published by Kyoritsu Shuppan K.K. on June 15, 1987, pp. 10-14.
	AQQ	"Polycarbonate Resin Handbook" edited by Seiichi Honma, published by Nikkan Kogyo Shinbunsha on August 28, 1992, pp. 121-125.

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
EXAMINER: Initials citation considered. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	